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Australian Institute of Criminology



4th National Outlook Symposium



Minister for Justice and Customs,
Senator Chris Ellison, at the 4th National
Outlook Symposium.

Another highly successful National Outlook Symposium on Crime in Australia took place in Canberra on 21-22 June. Held every two years it has become the premier national event for the exploration and examination of crime and justice issues against a contemporary backdrop.

This year's theme, *New Crimes or New Responses*, centred around topics including Crime, Risk and Trust; Federal Boundaries and 21st Century Crime; Technologies and Crime Control Responses; Revolution in Policing and Police Operations; and Future Directions in Crime Prevention, Legal Responses and Policy.

The speakers provided the audience with some challenging, informative and stimulating thoughts and discussion on research, policy and practice.

The keynote address included Dr Pino Arlacchi, the United Nations Under-Secretary and Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention. Dr Arlacchi spoke about the scope and responses to transnational crime. The other keynote speakers were Michelle Gosselin, Director General of Policy Integration and Coordination in the Department of Justice in Canada, and Dr Adam Graycar, AIC Director.

Plenary speakers included Commissioner Peter Ryan from the New South Wales Police Service; Malcolm Crompton, the Federal Privacy Commissioner; Dr Valerie Braithwaite from the Australian National University; Robert Cornall, Secretary of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department; Elizabeth Montano from the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC); and Professor Richard Fox from Monash University and Chairman of the AIC Board.

The Slovakian Children's Drug Art Exhibition, which was opened by Dr Pino Arlacchi and Dr Jurgaj Mortonik, the Charge D'Affaire, Embassy of the Slovak Republic, was held in conjunction with the conference.

Copies of papers from this Conference will be available on the AIC website at <http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/outlook4/index.html>

Training and knowledge transfer

The AIC Training Unit will conduct its first training course, Identity-Related Fraud Prevention and Detection, in late-October 2001.

A wide range of other courses will be available from January 2002.

This first one-day course is designed to provide participants with an understanding of the issues and risks involved in this area of crime and to equip them with some prevention and detection techniques to assist them in the workplace.

Participants will be actively involved through the use of case studies, group exercises and a "hands-on" document examination session by the AFP.

Presenters will include both AIC and external experts.

The AIC Training Unit has other courses planned and can also customise courses.

If you want to know more about this or other courses, or to discuss your training needs, contact Alf Reina at the AIC Training Unit on tel (02) 6260 9235, fax (02) 6260 9218 or email: alf.reina@aic.gov.au

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A I C Appointments



Mark White, Leesa Morris and Peter Marshall join the AIC.



Dr Gregg Smith, Dr Natalie Taylor, Carmel Poyser and Keenan Veraar join the AIC.

A I C Departures

Dr Claire Mayhew, Susan Goode, Dr Santina Perrone and Catherine Huntley have recently left the AIC.

Dr Peter Grabosky, Deputy Director and Director of Research until 30 June 2001, has resigned from the Institute to take up a Professorship in the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Peter joined the AIC as a senior criminologist in 1983. He had formerly been Head of Research and Projects at the Law Foundation of NSW and prior to that, Director of the Office of Crime Statistics, Attorney-General's Department, South Australia. He had represented South Australia on the Criminology Research Council (1979-1982) and the AIC's Board of Management (1979-1981).

On the occasion of its 100th meeting, the Institute's Board of Management presented Peter with a minute of appreciation. Parts of this are reproduced below.



Dr Peter Grabosky

Dr Peter Grabosky had an impressive national and international reputation when he joined the Australian Institute of Criminology in 1983. He left the Institute with a greatly enhanced one. It is acknowledged that in his 18 years at the Institute he has made a greater contribution to its research output and reputation than any other single member of staff. He is a scholar of the highest standing, a mentor to younger staff, an able and credible representative of the Institute in both national and international arenas, and a great team player. He has been a sterling support to each of the Directors under which he has served.

His scholarly reputation is based on his authorship of 12 books, 47 articles in learned journals, and some 50 monographs and other government reports and papers. In addition he has presented hundreds of papers to conferences in Australia and overseas, and is highly sought after as a communicator of and contributor to criminological knowledge.

In addition, his curriculum vitae lists numerous achievements both within and outside the Institute. He is currently President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and Deputy Secretary-General of the International Society of Criminology. The high regard in which he is held in the Institute, and in Australian criminology, is evident also in the international arena. He is highly respected throughout the criminological world as an original contributor to the discipline of criminology.

Peter has always been a most generous person. He has been generous with his time, and generous with his knowledge. He has always been available to share an idea, steer a researcher or policy or operational person in the right direction, and to contribute to the process of making knowledge functional. No task has been too trivial for him, no person too insignificant for his attention, and any opportunity to promote the Institute or enhance its reputation has been grasped with relish.

The Institute will be poorer for his leaving, but it congratulates Peter on his appointment to a Professorship in the Research School of Social Sciences in the Australian National University.

Crime in Regional Australia

On 2-3 August, *The Character, Impact and Prevention of Crime in Regional Australia* was held in Townsville, a centre which provided a welcome sunny escape for those from the southern parts of Australia.

This conference was committed to providing a forum for local government, regional communities, practitioners and researchers in community services, juvenile justice, law enforcement and crime prevention to explore and develop the issues surrounding effective partnerships and good practice.

A pre-conference workshop organised by Townsville City Council, Thuringowa City Council and Thuringowa Crime Prevention Partnership also discussed the use of Open Space Technology (OST) to promote communication and consultation with the community to aid crime prevention and regional development.

The keynote address at the conference was given by Dr Adam Graycar, AIC Director. Other speakers included Dr Paul Omaji from the Batchelor Institute in the Northern Territory, Her Honour Judge Sarah Bradley from the Cairns District Court, Paul Friedman from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in Queensland, Dr David Brereton from the Criminal Justice Commission in Queensland, John Mallett from the Mackay Crime Prevention Partnership, Robin Morgan from the Thuringowa Crime Prevention Partnership, and Erykah Kyle and Pina Geia, both elders from the Palm Island Community.

This conference was the forerunner of other forums and symposiums on regional crime prevention which will be held around Australia in the coming twelve months. The first of these was held in conjunction with the National Crime Prevention Program Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, Department of Justice in Western Australia and Safer WA, in Kalgoorlie on 5 and 6 September.

Conference Calendar

2001

Best Practice in Corrections for Indigenous Offenders, 8-9 October, Sydney

Police and Partnerships in a Multi-cultural Australia: Achievements and Challenges, 25-26 October, Brisbane

Mental Health and Criminal Justice workshop, 21-22 November, Melbourne

2002

Housing, Crime and the City, May

Schools and Crime Prevention, July, Canberra

Full details of all conferences are on our website at www.aic.gov.au/conferences/index.html

Visitors to the AIC

- **19 June:** Delegation from the Canadian Dept of Justice
- Mr Patricio Morales, Secretary of the Chilean Police Force, General Francisco Sepulveda, and Lieutenant Colonel Ivan de Requesens, Chile
- **1 August:** Julie Hill, Chief Librarian, National Occupational Health and Safety Commission visited the AIC library
- **10 August:** Alison Ransome, University Librarian, Southern Cross University
- **16 August:** Bhutan Legal Affairs Dept
- **29 August:** Dr Samantha Jeffries, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Canterbury visited and spoke on "Gendered Judgements – Differentiation in Criminal Court Outcomes"
- Richard Mosley QC, Assistant Deputy Minister, Dept of Justice Canada
- **30 August:** Professor Sara Beale, Law School, Duke University, North Carolina



L-R: Roberta Russell, Research and Statistics Division, Dept of Justice Canada; Dr Adam Graycar, AIC Director; and Michelle Gosselin, Director General, Policy Integration and Coordination, Dept of Justice Canada

Roundtables

Emerging Crimes and Transnational Responses (No. 57) 20 June 2001

This roundtable was jointly hosted by the AIC and the Department of Justice Canada. Senior law enforcement and government stakeholders took part in discussions centred on four main areas:

1. Emerging crime trends – demographic trends and their relation to crime levels; ways of reducing fear of crime; use of new technologies in crime prevention; crime reduction through product design; and new drug designs and importation methods.
2. People smuggling – changing trends and which forms of response by law enforcers, governments and international bodies can reduce people smuggling; and feasibility of supply and demand reduction.
3. Electronic crime – challenges posed to electronic commerce; issues of the borderlessness of this crime and difficulties posed by insufficient domestic law and vulnerable infrastructures; issues relating to domestic forensic computing capacity in law enforcement; and the need for new organisational forms to fight e-crime.
4. Redesigning system responses for crime control – the need to forge national and international partnerships between traditional law enforcers, the community and the private sector to encourage a more integrated approach to justice.

The roundtable promoted greater shared understanding of emerging criminal activity, the intersecting roles of various stakeholders in preventing crime, and highlighted the need for greater cooperation and technological understanding to fight new forms of transnational crime.

AIC staff participating in the Roundtable included Dr Adam Graycar, Dr Peter Grabosky, Dr Toni Makkai and Rebecca Tailby. Over 20 other agencies were represented.

Drug Driving Project

The Drug Driving research project is currently being undertaken in collaboration with the Queensland Police Service. The project's main aims are to examine the extent of drug driving amongst police detainees, based on data from Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA), and to provide a more accurate profile of these drug drivers to law enforcement and road traffic authorities. This empirical evidence will help to inform legislative and policy development in relation to drug driving. The project is funded by the National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund.

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Seminars

Counterproductive Juvenile Justice

**Joan McCord, Temple University,
USA, 20 July 2001**

This presentation focused on juvenile justice and looked at rehabilitation as the primary response to misbehaviour or juvenile delinquency. Dr McCord discussed several common features of rehabilitative efforts that were not only ineffective, but had proved counterproductive. Using a number of large programs as examples Dr McCord emphasised the importance of rigorous evaluation, arguing that all outcomes of such interventions – beneficial and detrimental – need to be considered. Alternative approaches to crime prevention were presented.

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